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DOMESTIC FREIGHTER SERVICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts has launched full-fledged domestic freighter service;

(b) if so, the details and its salient features thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to extend the same to other destinations in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) In order to improve mail transmission and delivery services in the North East Region, Department of Posts has chartered a freighter aircraft from Indian Airlines (now Air India) for conveyance of postal articles, mail, parcel, logistics post in North East. The freighter service was formally launched on 29th August 2007. The aircraft operates on Kolkata-Guwahati-Imphal-Agartala-Kolkata route on a regular basis, 6 days a week. From these hubs, other cities of North East are serviced by rail/road.

(c) & (d) A plan scheme to connect a few major cities by dedicated air freighter service has been taken up with the Planning Commission for 'in principle' approval. At this stage, only outline of the scheme has been developed.